

# FRIENDS OF SWGS

July 2013

## FRIENDS in deed

*Hello Friends,*

And a HUGE thanks to all of you for supporting your FRIENDS, SWGS and daughters through our fund-raising events this academic year. It is always a great pleasure to report that, despite 'economic downturns', the efforts of all of you parents and guardians have managed to provide significant assistance to our school. We have raised more than £9,000 to date.

I would especially like to mention our three 'new' initiatives this year: New Year 7s raised more than £500 in the 'Smarties Challenge'; Burns' Night raised an amazing £553 (put next year's date in your diaries now – such a good evening!); and, easyfundraising.com has raised £152 (no effort required – join now, please). That's almost £1,300!

I'd like to thank the committee, on your behalf, for their time and effort at all events and their support over the past year. Many

thanks to all of you who have helped at these events, we can't do it without you. Please fill in your 'Willing Helper' forms next year and come along and give us a hand – it's fun!

Finally, despite the rain, the Leavers' Ball was a great success. Well done to everyone involved in creating the 'fairground/carnival' theme, which took six months to plan, and to all the helpers, who were crucial on the day.

Our first Friends' meeting is on 16th September 2013 at 7pm. Why not come along?

*Kim Glennon-Alty, Chair*

### Forthcoming events

● **Monday 16th Sept:**

**Friends Committee Meeting (7pm) – on the Committee Room, all welcome.**

● **Friday 24th January:**

**Burns' Night Party – put the date in your diary now.**

● **Saturday 12th October:**

**Friends Book Stall – Salisbury Market.**

## THIS TERM

We had a busy penultimate week. On Tuesday evening it was the **Music Department's Open House** event. Then, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the **Drama Department** presented *Animal Farm* in the Main Hall.

On each occasion, staff, performers and guests were provided with refreshments by FSWGS.

We would like to say a big thank you to all the wonderful **Willing Helpers** who have given their time and effort this year to provide refreshments, raffle prizes and support all the other activities we run to support the school.

### Can you help?

If you can spare a little time next year, please contact Terry Ereira (our Willing Helpers Coordinator) at [tandc.ereira@ntlworld.com](mailto:tandc.ereira@ntlworld.com)

## BURNS AGAIN

**Following the success of our first Burns' Night Party, we are planning to don tartan again on Friday 24th January for our second party at the school. Make a note of the date now – more details in September.**

## Funfair goes down a storm at ball

*Amid stormy showers, the Leavers' Ball-goers dodged the raindrops to sample all the fun of the fair at this year's themed ball for South Wilts' girls and Bishops' boys at the end of June in a bunting-bedecked marquee at the Salisbury Arts Centre. They sampled all the traditional delights of the fair – hoop-la, tin can alley, pop corn, candy floss, a balloon-sculpting stilt walker, giant bouncy castle and chips – then piled into the photo booth and danced until carriages came at midnight.*

*Jane Rist*



## 1000 Club

We have the results of the latest draw for the **1000 Club**. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Club for the next academic year can download an application form from the Friends page on the website. Completed forms can be left at reception in September with a cheque made out to FSWGS. Thank you.

*Anne Day*

### Draw Winners

June 2013

1st	Jane Challis (158)	£100
2nd	A Pownall-Gray (519)	£50
3rd	Roisin Barrett (298)	£25

### Friends Committee

<b>Kim Glennon-Alty</b>	Chair
<b>Nicola Dunning</b>	Secretary
<b>Ed Evans</b>	Treasurer

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